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Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director
Central Intelligence
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

On 1 February I will complete 35 1/2 years of active service as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army.

In the past five years I have been privileged to serve in intelligence posts in Europe, the Army General Staff, and the Defense Intelligence Agency. I have worked with three Directors of Central Intelligence and members of the National Foreign Intelligence Board. It has been a gratifying experience for I feel that in the past five years we have come a long way in solving many of our problems. I have been particularly struck by the sense of community that has developed among our intelligence elements and by the desire for the continuation of this sense of community.

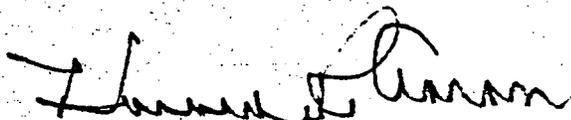
Would you please express at the next NFIB meeting, my deep appreciation to all of their members for their assistance and inspiration during the past few years.

I wish you and them the best of success in the days ahead and the development of timely and adequate intelligence for our country.

I do not intend to write a book. I also intend to remain a member of the "silent service" and to contribute in some small measure to the maintenance of a strong intelligence community and a proper charter for the community.

With highest regards.

Most respectfully,



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